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I am a consumer of Microsoft software, in both my personal and my professional capacity. I strongly oppose the current settlement, which does little or nothing to prevent Microsoft from continuing to extend its virtual monopoly on operating systems for desktops and laptops to other forms of software, by either integrating them with the OS, or requiring software developers to make various concessions for the privilege of building complicated interfaces with the OS. I believe that no solution can be adequate unless it either splits Microsoft into an OS company and an applications company or makes the OS source code available to all, including MS's own applications developers, on a uniform basis.

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